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Re: the Proposed Consent Decree of Microsoft and the DOJ

Dear Ms. Hesse:

Please accept my comments in regard to the above. This suit has gone on long enough. It is my understanding that, in an effort to conclude the matter, Microsoft has agreed to certain restrictions and obligations that were not at issue on the original suit. I urge you to count this as part of a good faith effort on the part of Microsoft, and allow them to move on.

I am especially encouraged that Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers rights to configure programs so that non-microsoft products can be included.

Respectfully,

J. T. Varalio, Jr